



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us.

Daniel 3:15b-17 (NRSVUE)

Communion Sunday, July 6, 2025

The Fiery Furnace

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*All of God's children are welcome, including their wiggles and giggles!
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.*

PRELUDE

PRELUDE HYMN 337 (vs 1, 2, 4) *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Mary Dailey

Congregation

~~~ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ~~~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim G

We worship one God

**the God who flung the stars into the sky
and crafted our inmost being.**

We worship one God

**who rescues us from danger,
and deserves our every praise.**

We worship one God,

**Creator, Christ, and fiery Spirit
now and forevermore!**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Congregation
Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

Pastor Murray

Chancel Choir

Jim G

Thanks be to God.

We do not want to put our own safety on the line or to make too big a scene. And so in our desire to creep by unnoticed, we harm our neighbors and fail to give glory to you. Strengthen us, Lord, that in ways small and large, we might stand for your decrees of justice, truth, and love. Amen.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pastor Murray

This is the Word of the Lord. **God is still speaking.**

Sermon Series: *Finding God in the Flames*

Congregation

Pastor Murray

Mary Dailey

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Pastor Murray

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you; And also with you!
Lift up your hearts; We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give God thanks; It is right to give God thanks and praise!...
...And when the time was right, out of Your great love for the world, You came to us, lived among us, lifted up humanity, to heal our brokenness and redeem us.
We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
...We believe that in sharing these elements of bread and grape that our faith will grow as we are united with Christ.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that the sharing of the bread that we break and the cup we drink may be for us Christ’s real presence.

This is the mountaintop of our worship of You; for we remember that on the night of his betrayal, sitting at table with his disciples, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"This is my body, given for you."

So also, we remember that Jesus in the same manner, took the cup, saying,

"This is the new covenant poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me." For every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,

Until he comes again...

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GOD

GIVING GOD THANKS FOR GOD’S GIFTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Altemus

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35)

◆ HYMN 339 (vs 1) *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Congregation

~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION                      Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

**What is a spiritual habit (prayer, journaling, music, etc.) that is meaningful to you?**

Sunday Bible Study **Today**

Bible Study is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, following worship. Bring a 'brown bag' lunch and join us as we discuss God's Word to us. Both children and Adult Sunday Bible Study will meet, starting in Ficklin Hall for lunch.

## *July's RightNow Media picks*

All content from RightNow Media is accessible for you to conveniently enjoy from your computer or mobile device. Your account is already paid for through FPCL, so all you have to do is sign up here:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl>

If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact Pastor Blakeley for assistance!

**For Children:** “JQHQ”: Wild challenges combined with real kids' questions about life and God make this a fun and accessible study for youngsters.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/883491#description>

**For parents and grandparents:** “Creating a media-safe home”: More than ever, the different forms of social media and the constant presence of the smart phone are exerting a potentially negative influence on children, starting at a young age. This study will equip parents or grandparents to better be able to help young people safely navigate these different tech and media influences, and make wiser decisions about their usage and exposure.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/836404#description>

**General:** “Judaism and our faith”: This fascinating study will help you to better understand the Jewish roots of Christianity, and give you some great additional context and perspective for the interpretation of both the Old and New Testaments.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/916784#description>

### **Today's Service**

Music  
Liturgist  
Trustee  
Ushers  
Cover Image

Mary Dailey  
Jim G  
Paul P  
  
Medium

*\*Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.*

## *Worship Focus*

*Finding God in the Flames*

*June 8 – July 13*

*July 13: 2 Timothy 1 Fan the Flames of Faith*

*July 20 – September 7 we begin a new sermon series entitled “Scripture Shapes Us”  
which is based on your submissions of  
scripture passages that have been foundational in your lives.*

FPCL is looking for volunteers to serve in the Welcome Center on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm**. Please consider signing up to assist our neighbors. Please contact Pastor Blakeley with any questions.

**You can sign up to volunteer at**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A9AF2EAAFC1-55790041-welcome>

Church Office: 303-798-1389; [fpcl@fpcl.org](mailto:fpcl@fpcl.org)

Staff Schedule:

Pastor Jonathan Murray, Minister of Word and Sacrament -----Tue. & Thu. 9a-2p, or by appt.

Pastor Blakeley Winslow, Pastor of Christian Discipleship-----Mon. & Wed. 10:30a-3:30p;  
Tue. 1p- 4:30p; or by appt.

Lydia Cooper, Office Manager----- Tue.-Thu. 9a –2p

Mary Dailey, Director of Worship Arts

Karen A. Meersman, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music

Joan Lund, Financial Secretary

Tracy Eidson, Child Care

*Calendar of Events*

*Today, July 6- John Altemus will present at Minute for Mission and after worship, he will share more detailed information in Ayers Parlor for those who want to hear about God’s ministry through him.*

**GRANDPARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS ALONG**

Adventures with Grandparents and Grandchildren! A FREE summer program developed to foster relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren ages

4-11 yrs with games, snacks, crafts, conversation and visits from community friends! Join us on the following Mondays this summer, from **9:00am-11:30am**:

**Tomorrow, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mission Statement:**

***We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus Christ and together we Belong to God’s Kingdom.***



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